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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : William W. Smith III, et al.  
Application No. : 09/684,010  
Filed : October 6, 2000  
Title : Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping  
Management Functional Alignment of Computer Devices  
Grp./Div. : 3629  
Examiner : Plucinski, Jamisue A.  
Docket No. : PSTM0002/MRK

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2009  
AND  
INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Mail Stop Amendment (Filed Electronically)	140 S. Lake Ave., Suite 312
Commissioner for Patents	Pasadena, CA 91101-4710
P.O. Box 1450	November 24, 2009
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Commissioner:

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action dated September 1, 2009 regarding the above-identified application. The September 1, 2009 Office Action set a three-month time period in which to respond, namely, until December 1, 2009. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response is timely filed within the three-month period set by the Office Action because it is filed before the expiration of December 1, 2009. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the responsive remarks below.

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